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According to local UP correspondent and to article in LE PEUPLE this afternoon, Walter Baels, brother-in-law Leopold III, was arrested by Belgian police while attempting cross Franco-Belgian frontier in order attend funeral of mother. Baels was condemned to three years imprisonment in absentia during war for being military deserter. According to LE PEUPLE he was transferred this morning from prison in Mons to prison in Brussels.

Press likewise announced that wife Leopold III had indicated her inability attend mother's funeral because of pregnancy.

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